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SUBJECT: USG REPRESENTATION AT FALL 1974 CANTON FAIR

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1. EA/PRCM DIRECTOR AMRSTRONG CALLED IN PRCLO COUNSELOR
TSIEN TA-YUNG OCTOBER 11 TO DISCUSS VISAS FOR CONGEN
OFFICERS ALLEN AND HALLFORD TO ATTEND CANTON FAIR. PRCLO
THIRD SECRETARY HSU HSIN-HSI AND DEPTOFF LINCOLN ALSO
PRESENT.

2. ARMSTRONG NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT MIGHT BE CON-
SIDERED EITHER VISA OR COMMERCIAL, HE HAD ASKED TSIEN TO
COME IN SINCE MATTER WAS BROADER ONE WHICH ALSO INVOLVED
MANNER IN WHICH BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE HANDLED, AS WELL
AS DESIRE BOTH COUNTRIES TO FACILITATE TRADE RELATIONSHIP.
HE REVIEWED SUBJECT AT SOME LENGTH, MENTIONING THAT CONGEN
AS WELL AS USLO OFFICERS ATTENDED FALL 1973 FAIR. STATED
THAT WE BELIEVE POINTS RAISED WITH PRCLO LAST SPRING ON
THIS SUBJECT ARE STILL VALID (E.G., USEFULNESS OF ASSIS-
TANCE TO OUR BUSINESSMEN AT FAIR, FACT THAT MANY US BUSI-
NESSMEN WHO TRANSIT HONG KONG LOOK TO CONGEN FOR ADVICE,
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MUTUAL BENEFIT IN CONGEN HAVING SOME OFFICERS FAMILIAR WITH

CANTON FAIR AND PRC TRADE PROCEDURES.) THEREFORE, WE FEEL CONGEN ATTENDANCE IS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. ARMSTRONG ALSO NOTED THAT OFFICIALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES BASED IN HONG KONG WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT FAIR EVEN WHEN REPS FROM

THOSE COUNTRIES PEKING MISSIONS ATTEND. ARMSTRONG ADDED THAT NONATTENDANCE OF CONGEN PERSONNEL LAST SPRING LED TO SPECULATION IN THE PRESS AND AMONG U.S. BUSINESSMEN ABOUT APPARENT DISCRIMINATION AND POSSIBLE SIGN OF TROUBLE IN US-PRC RELATIONS. SUCH SPECULATION COULD OCCUR AGAIN AND WOULD NOT SERVE INTERESTS OF EITHER COUNTRY. HE CONCLUDED BY REQUESTING THAT OUR CONCERNS BE CONVEYED TO APPROPRIATE PEKING AUTHORITIES, TOGETHER WITH REITERATION OF VISA REQUEST MADE IN SEPTEMBER 24 NOTE TO PRCLO.

3. TSIENT RESPONDED THAT HE WAS SORRY TO SAY THAT PRCLO HAD JUST LEARNED FROM PEKING THAT ALLEN AND HALLFORD VISAS WERE NOT APPROVED. REASON GIVEN WAS THAT FAIR COVERAGE BY USLO OFFICERS AND BY NCUSCT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT; PRESENCE OF CONGEN OFFICERS NOT NECESSARY.

4. ARMSTRONG EXPRESSED REGRET AND ASKED THAT THE VIEWS HE HAD EXPRESSED BE CONVEYED TO PRCLO CHIEF AND TO PEKING IN ANY CASE; HE HOPED THAT RECONSIDERATION WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

5. TSIENT SAID HE WOULD PASS ALONG OUR VIEW, BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT DECISION WOULD BE CHANGED. WITH REGARD TO PRESS SPECULATION, TSIENT NOTED THAT WESTERN PRESS FREQUENTLY CARRIED SPECULATIVE OR UNHELPFUL STORIES. ARMSTRONG SAID WE NEVERTHELESS SHOULD TRY AVOID ACTIONS WHICH WOULD STIMULATE SUCH STORIES. COMMENTING ON ATTENDANCE AT CANTON FAIR BY OTHER COUNTRIES' OFFICIALS FROM BOTH PEKING AND HONG KONG, TSIENT SUGGESTED AS PERSONAL OPINION THAT REASON MAY BE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE EMBASSIES IN PEKING.

6. TSIENT THEN SAID THAT PRCLO HAS LEARNED THAT VISA REQUESTS FOR ELLIS FAMILY AND FOR CHAMPEAUS HAVE BEEN APPROVED (SEPTEL). HE ADDED IN A JOKING MANNER "YOU SEE. CONFIDENTIAL

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WE HAVE APPROVED FIVE VISAS FOR YOU; WHEN THE REQUESTS ARE REASONABLE, WE WILL APPROVE THEM."

7. WE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDE THAT USLO AND CONGEN PLANNING SHOULD PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT ALLEN AND HALLFORD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CANTON FAIR. INGERSOLL

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